## NIMHD Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Management Plan for Grant Awards

Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-113), signed by President Obama on December 18, 2015, NIH and NIMHD have established their financial management plans for grant and cooperative agreement ("grant") awards.

## **Grant Awards**

- Competing awards will be based on scientific and technical merit, as determined by peer review, as well as programmatic considerations (e.g., understudied research area or methodologies, overlap with existing NIH research portfolios, and relevance of the research area to the Institute's priorities), availability of funds, and the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NACMHD) recommendations. Consequently, NIMHD does not have a strict "payline" or cutoff of Impact Scores for applications that it will fund.
- Noncompeting continuation awards will be funded at 100% of the FY 2016 committed level.
   Commitments for continuation awards in FY 2017 and beyond will remain unchanged. FY 2016 noncompeting awards that have already been issued at a reduced level will be revised upward to reflect this funding level. For NRSA awards, NIMHD will increase stipends as described at NOT-OD-16-047.

## **Inflationary Increases for Future Years**

• There will be no inflationary increases for future year commitments for competing grant awards issued in FY 2016.

## **New Investigators**

 NIMHD will continue to support new investigators on Type 1 (new) R01 equivalent awards at a success rate comparable to that of established investigators submitting Type 1 R01 equivalent applications.